

# RULES OF FENNICA CATTUS CAT CLUB

Fennica Cattus cat breeding association has established rules that ensure a high level of breeding quality for our club members. These rules give future cat owners peace of mind that their cat comes from a reputable breeder who is committed to ensuring the health and welfare of their cats.

## 1. GENERAL

The goal of a breeder is to breed as healthy and viable cats as possible.

Prevention of genetic, viral, parasitic and other diseases.

Only genetically healthy individuals are used in breeding, and animals are socialized.

The club has the right to request a veterinary certificate to rule out genetic defects (e.g., cryptorchidism)

The club has the right to require the breeder to complete relevant courses/exams.

The breeder is familiar with the basics of genetics and felineology and continues to improve their knowledge.

The club has the right to conduct spot checks of breeders. During the check, the breeder documents all the cats in the breeding and the litters from the previous year.

## 2. LIVING ENVIRONMENT

The breeder must provide cats with a clean, safe, and stress-free environment, taking into account the needs of the species.

Sufficient opportunities for play, exercise, climbing, and hiding. Regular human contact and socialization of animals. Protection from heat, cold, and drafts. The breeder ensures that the cats' living space has good ventilation.

The cats' food is of high quality and there is constant access to clean drinking water.

Unobstructed access to the litter box. There should be at least one litter box for two cats. It is recommended to have a separate litter box for each cat.

The mother cat with the litter should be in a covered nest in a quiet place where there are no unnecessary noises and other cats cannot disturb.

The breeder must comply with all the requirements of the Animal Protection Act.

The club has the right to inform the animal protection authorities if there are concerns about the animals' living conditions.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

*Full member* - breeding activities take place in the Fennica Cattus cat club and the breeder is guaranteed all member services and discounts.

*Associate member*: the second breeder of a full member's breeding. Associate members can use all member services and discounts.

*Supporting member*: can use member services (excluding litter registration) and discounts, but breeding activities take place in another club or umbrella organization.

The club has the right to refuse membership within 14 working days of completing the application. Membership fees are refunded.

Membership fees must be paid by February of the current year, otherwise the member will be automatically removed from the membership list.

Members who joined the club from November of the previous year do not have to pay the membership fee for the following year.

Membership can be terminated by the breeder with a resignation letter. Membership fees are not refunded.

For violation of the rules, the club has the right to issue a breeder with a warning, a reprimand, and expel the member from the association. In the case of repeated warnings or more serious violations of the rules, the member may be expelled without a warning. The breeder's / breeding name will remain on the website with the label "removed from the association".

Members keep their contact information up-to-date and inform the club of any changes (name, address, phone number, etc.).

### **4. CATTERY NAME REGISTRATION**

The breeder must be a member of the Fennica Cattus cat club

The owner of a female cat must have a registered cattery by the time of the first litter registration. The owner of a male cat is not required to register the cattery.

The owner of the cattery must be an adult.

Cattery name can also be applied for by several breeders together, in which case one main breeder must be selected who will retain the cattery name if the partnership dissolves.

Three proposals for a cattery name (starting with the preferred one) are applied for through the Fennica Cattus cat club. The application must be completed correctly with valid contact information.

The cattery name is protected for 20 years, during which time no one else can use the same name. Protection can be extended for an additional fee.

If the breeder has a valid cattery name in another organization, it is allowed to register the same name in the WCF, if it meets all the rules.

If the name is already in use in WCF, the country code must be added to the name.

The name availability is checked by the WCF head office or the club.

Cattery names must be at least one-part long and contain at least 10 characters.

The cattery name can be up to two parts long (hyphen is allowed); use only Latin characters.

The length of the cattery name must not be more than 15 typewriter strokes, including possible punctuation marks.

People's names are not allowed (due to the name right law), except for the breeder's own name.

Public office names, names of copyrighted documents (novels, stories, literary works, etc.), and breed names are not allowed.

Cattery name must not contain prefixes and suffixes and following terms: cat, paw, pouw, claws, sweet, gold/golden, silver, pets, purr, furr, fluffy, furry, angel/engel, bear, baby chubby, kingdom, queen, king, lion, kitten/kity, garden, sun, moon, paradise, meow, miao, mao, murr saphir, crystal, luxury, patiler, coco chocolate, dream, amber, love, pride, xiao, beauty, beautiful, diamond, pearl.

Cattery name is used as a prefix or suffix to a cat's name.

Cattery name can be changed.

## **5. TRANSFERRING OR INHERITING A CATTERY NAME**

Cattery name can be transferred from one breeder to another under a written agreement signed by both breeders. The agreement must be submitted to the club.

If a breeder dies, the heir must provide a notarized certificate that they are the legal heir in order to inherit or transfer the breeding name.

## **6. RELINQUISHMENT OF KITTENS**

Kittens can be relinquished in Finland from the age of 14 weeks. In other countries, according to the local requirements of the Animal Protection Act.

Kittens must be microchipped, dewormed, and vaccinated at least once. A rabies vaccination is also required if the kittens are being sold abroad (21 days before relinquishment). We recommend documenting a veterinary check-up.

Kittens must weigh at least 1 kg (excluding small breeds) at the time of relinquishment.

The breeder is required to inform the buyer of any known health problems or defects.

The breeder is required to provide the new owner with the necessary instructions and information about the breed.

The breeder must be available to the buyer in the future for any questions.

A reservation agreement is highly recommended, and a purchase agreement is mandatory.

The breeder must ensure that the kitten's future living environment is safe and suitable. Selling a cat to a pet store or for animal testing is prohibited.

Charging a fee for a pedigree is prohibited.

Selling cats at auction is prohibited.

Buyers have the right to inform the club if the breeder violates the rules.

## **7. BREEDING MALES**

The right to the first litter is granted by an Ex1 judge's show score. For further breeding, the cat must have at least a Champion title. In exceptional cases, it is possible to apply to the club for a special permit for one litter.

In exceptional cases and for weighty reasons, the club has the right to exempt the cat from the title requirement.

A breeding sire can be used for mating from the age of 10 months. In exceptional cases, it is possible to apply for a special permit.

The breeding sire does not accept unvaccinated females and keeps his own vaccines up to date.

Before mating, both partners are advised to present fresh FeLV/Fiv negative test results.

A mating contract is highly recommended.

The owner of the male cat submits a written consent to register the litter and the male cat's pedigree to the female cat.

Renting a breeding sire to an unregistered female is prohibited. All offspring must be registered.

The owner of the breeding sire is obliged to check the breeding and ownership rights of the female cat before mating.

It is prohibited to use individuals with genetic defects in breeding (cryptorchidism, hernia, congenital tail joint defect, etc.). The club has the right to request a veterinary certificate of the absence of the defect.

The owner of a breeding sire from outside the WCF submits a document proving ownership, i.e. transfer, to the owner of the female cat by the time of registration of the kittens. If the male cat is the owner's own breeding, a pedigree is sufficient, which indicates the owner as the breeder.

After an unsuccessful mating, a break of at least two weeks must be made before a new attempt.

If the colors of the litter are genetically impossible for the given combination of parents and the colors of the parents have been checked, the owner of the male cat submits a DNA analysis to the owner of the female cat to prove paternity.

## **8. BREEDING FEMALES**

The right to the first litter is granted by an Ex1 judge's show score. For further breeding, the cat must have at least a Champion title. In exceptional cases, it is possible to apply to the club for a special permit for one litter.

In exceptional cases and for weighty reasons, the club has the right to exempt the cat from the title requirement.

The first litter is also granted by an evaluation/title from an external organization.

A breeding female can be mated from the age of 10 months. In exceptional cases, it is possible to apply for a special permit.

Up to three litters are allowed within 24 months and not more than two litters within 12 months. One litter per year is recommended.

The breeding club that registers the litter must have ownership of the female and a valid breeding license.

A written consent/mating contract from the owner of the male cat and a document proving ownership, i.e. transfer, are required to register the litter.

All offspring must be registered. The entire litter is registered at the same time.

A female cannot have more than two caesarean sections, after the second the cat must be removed from breeding.

It is prohibited to use individuals with genetic defects in breeding (hernia, congenital tail joint defect, etc.). The club has the right to request a veterinary certificate of the absence of the defect.

## **9. COMBINATIONS THAT REQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT**

Inbreeding (mother/father + offspring, sister + brother)

Lack of a judge's show score/title

For kittens under 10 months old (both female and male)

Cross-breeding and other pairs that meet the RIEG conditions.

The breeder must justify in a statement to the club why they want to make this mating/need a special permit.

## **10. REGISTRATION**

### **GENERAL**

The cat's registration number includes the identifier of the WCF member club that issued it, the individual registration code, the year, the breed's EMS symbol, and the identification code that indicates in which register the cat is entered (LO/RIEX).

#### **LO (Livre d'Origine) - Complete register**

LO registered cats must meet the WCF-accepted standard in terms of breed and color.

At least three generations of ancestors of the same breed or related breeds.

#### **RIEX (Registre Initial et Experimental) - Experimental register**

For everyone who does not meet the LO register conditions.

Breeders and starters of new breeds

Automatic transfer to the LO register when the conditions are met.

## **11. REGISTRATION OF KITTENS**

The litter is registered by the official owner of the female cat, who has a breeding registered with WCF. Ownership is provable (transfer / purchase agreement).

The litter must be registered by the 14th week of life. A late registration fee will be added. For more information, see the association's price list.

If the litter is not registered by the 40th week of life, the member will be automatically removed from the association's register.

By the time of registration, the kittens must be microchipped.

The entire litter is registered at the same time.

Only the Latin alphabet can be used in the names of kittens.

If the breeder has less than five years of breeding experience, they are required to use a paid accreditation service to register the litter, where a person authorized by the club registers the litter. The club may give the breeder permission to register the litter themselves if the breeder has proven a high level of knowledge of breed standards and color recognition.

The registration application must be filled out correctly!

If the breeder wishes to include the results of genetic tests on the pedigree, they will attach the laboratory test documents as an attachment, which must show the microchip number!

Since 2023, the mark "NOT FOR BREEDING" is not allowed on the pedigree.

Registration requires information about four generations. If the documents submitted are incomplete, registration is not possible.

The club has the right to request DNA analyzes if the combination to be registered is not genetically possible.

The pedigree must be genetically correct.

The club will send out pedigrees no later than four weeks after payment of the invoice, unless otherwise agreed.

## **12. PEDIGREE**

The pedigree must have a visible hologram, the WCF and Fennica Cattus logos, the signature of the president of the issuing club, the breeding and the breeder.

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The pedigree must include information about the cat: breeding, breeder, cat's name, date of birth, sex, breed, correct EMS code, microchip number, registration number (also original if from another organization), information about the four previous generations of ancestors with the registration numbers and EMS codes of all ancestors.

The information about the parents of the cat to be registered must include the cat's name, title, microchip number, registration number, EMS code, and date of birth. DNA analyzes (blood group, genetic tests, genotype) can be added if (identified) DNA analyzes have been submitted to the club by the time of registration.



It is forbidden to add the name of the new owner (buyer) and the mark "not for breeding" to the pedigree.

Changing data (e.g., ultrasound results, virus tests, new owner's name) is not allowed to be added to the pedigree.

### **13. NEW / UNACCEPTED BREEDS AND COLORS**

All breeds, patterns, and colors recognized by the WCC organization can be registered in the experimental register (RIEX).

To fully recognize new breeds and color variations, all WCF requirements should be met before such a cat can be registered in the full register (LO).

### **14. CAT FROM AN ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE WCF**

WCF does not accept Assolux, NFCO, WCCF, and WOC pedigrees.

When buying a cat for breeding from an organization outside WCF, the breeder submits a document proving ownership, i.e. transfer, to the club.

If the original pedigree contains incomplete information or genetically impossible combinations, the breeder will obtain additional details and prove genetic veracity. Otherwise, registration is not possible.

The club will issue the cat a WCF pedigree with a WCF registration number. The name must not be changed!

It is forbidden to issue a new registration number to a cat with a WCF pedigree.

### **15. EXHIBITION**

#### **15.1. REGISTRATION FOR THE SHOW**

The application for participation in the show must be filled out correctly. If necessary, you can ask for help from the club board. Correcting incorrect applications at the show is subject to an additional charge.

The price of the show depends on the date of payment. Payment must be made within three days of registration.

If participation is canceled within 14 days of registration, 75% of the participation fee will be refunded. No refund will be made for later cancellations or non-attendance. It is not possible to transfer the participation fee to future shows.

Fennica Cattus cat club has the right to refuse participants who have failed to pay for the show on previous occasions or have not appeared.

Registration for the rings takes place at the show.

## **15.2. PREPARATIONS FOR THE SHOW**

The cat must have valid vaccinations, the rabies vaccine must have been given at least 21 days before the show.

The cat must be healthy. Cats with signs of illness or other viral diseases will be removed from the show and the participation fee will not be refunded.

The nails must be cut.

The breeder packs the following for the show: veterinary passport, show cage, food, food and water bowls, litter box and litter. It is also recommended to have a soft bed at the bottom of the cage and curtains on top of the cage if necessary.

## **15.3. ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Ring - official WCF themed additional competitions, the results of which are marked on the diploma. It is possible to earn additional points.

Show - additional competitions with different themes, from which no additional points can be earned, the results are not marked on the diploma.

Rings and shows are optional competitions at the show for an additional fee, in which cats that meet the ring theme / category participate.

Prizes are awarded to the ten best cats participating in a ring or show. If there are fewer than 20 participants, half of the prize will be awarded. If the number of participants is an odd number, it is divided by +1. For example, if 9 cats participate in the WCF kitten competition, five best are selected.

The club has the right to decide for itself fun shows subject. For example, long-haired cats, rare breeds, Mr. & Mrs., tabby cats, bobtail cats, etc.

### **WCF rings**

- WCF kitten ring (3-6 months)

- WCF junior ring (6-10 months)
- WCF adult ring (10 months+)
- WCF neuter ring

If there are few participants, the club may combine the kitten and junior rings.

The judge selects the top 10. If there are fewer than 20 participants, the number of participants is divided by two. For example, 18 participants, the judge selects 9 best.

### **WCF Master rings**

To participate, the participant must have won first or second place in a WCF ring. When registering for the ring, you must show the relevant document.

The first and second place in the WCF Master ring can participate in the WCF Double Master ring. The first two places in the Double Master ring can participate in the WCF Triple Master ring. Winners from previous shows are also taken into account.

The first and second place in the Master rings receive the title "Master", "Double Master" and "Triple Master" in front of the cat's name, depending on the ring won.

### **WCF Diamond Master ring**

It is held once a year in the world, preferably at the Olympic show.

Only cats with the Triple Master title can participate.

There must be at least four participants.

The first place receives the title "Diamond Master".

## **15.4. AT THE EXHIBITION**

All cats are subject to veterinary control and check-in when entering the exhibition hall.

Those who have not registered as present by the specified time will be marked as non-participants. The club has the right to refuse latecomers entry, and the participation fee will not be refunded.

It is not allowed to leave individual places empty when placing cages. If desired, the breeder can come the previous evening to set up the place.

Each cat undergoes an expert examination by the judge assigned to it.

Stewards cannot present their cats themselves in the ring or in the Best of Best final.

The breeder/owner ensures the safety of the judge.

The cat number is included in the expert examination and the selection of Best of Best. In the ring, the owner attaches the cat number to the cage.

The owner follows the judge's order and is ready on time.

If the owner does not bring the cat to the judge after repeated calls, it will be marked as "does not participate". The participation fee for the exhibition and rings will not be refunded.

The judge selects the best female and male in each category (kitten, junior, adult, neuter, junior neuter, veteran) in the expert examination, who are nominated for the Best in Show final.

At Best in Show, the best of the best from each category is chosen by the judges' vote. If the results are tied, a draw will be held to determine which judge will choose the winner.

If the exhibition sells tickets to the public, owners are not allowed to leave before ticket sales end.

## **15.5. CATEGORIES**

Categories are divided by coat length: Shorthair (SH), semilonghair (SLH), longhair (LH), hairless (HL), Siamese/oriental (SIA/OSH)

If there are few participants in a category, the club has the right to merge categories. For example, if there are 2 Siamese/oriental participants, they will be merged into the shorthair category.

If a certain breed has more than 10 participants who all participate in a breed-specific show, the club has the right to create an additional category for the breed, e.g., a category for Maine Coon cats.

At a breed-specific show with more than 10 participants, the judge selects the best in the category Best kitten, Best junior, Best adult, Best neuter, Best junior neuter, Best veteran, Best of Best.

15.6. Reasons for disqualification and disqualification from the title

- Pregnant or lactating female
- Dwarfism
- Cryptorchid male in the open class
- Hernia
- Stiff spine / tail
- Break points in the tail
- Deformations (chest, head)
- Poly- or oligodactyly (if not registered POL)
- Pigment spots in the eyes
- Inflamed or heavily watery eyes
- Cloudy eyes
- Protruding third eyelid
- Overbite or underbite over 2mm.
- Missing or broken teeth in the open class
- Hairless areas (except for trimming for medical reasons, e.g., for taking a blood sample or for an ultrasound examination of PKD)
- Dandruff on the skin
- Hair is dyed
- White spots that do not meet the standard
- unrecognized color code
- Dirty
- Poor physical condition (e.g., undernourished)
- Parasites
- Amputated toes/claws
- Aggression
- Drowsy state

**15.7. SHOW RESULTS AND CLASSES**

**15.7.1. Titles**

*Kitten Champion / Kitten Premier* (3-6 months): 3 ex1 CACP/CAPP from different judges, regardless of the country.

*Junior Champion / Junior Premier* (6-10 months): 3 ex1 CACJ/CAPJ from different judges, regardless of the country.

*Champion / Premier* (10 months+): 3 ex1 CAC/CAP from different judges, regardless of the country.

*International Champion / Premier*: 3 ex1 CACIB/CAPIB from different judges, of which at least 1 evaluation must be given in another country.

*Grand International Champion / Premier:* 3 ex1 CAGCIB/CAGPIB from different judges, of which at least 2 evaluation must be given in another country.

*Continental Champion / Premier:* 3 ex1 CACE/CAPE from different judges. All evaluations must be collected from different countries.

*Grand Continental Champion / Premier:* 3 ex1 GCACE / GCAPE from different judges. All evaluations must be collected from different countries.

*World Champion / Premier:* 3 ex1 CACM / CAPM from different judges. All evaluations must be collected from different countries and at least one must be from another continent or world exhibition.

*Best Variety (Alter) and/or Best in Show (Alter):* PH. Prix d'Honneur.

### **15.7.2. Other classes**

*Novices:* Cats without a pedigree at least six months old. They must justify their participation to the judges. Two judges' signatures are required for the evaluation. To register a cat in the RIEX register, an "Excellent" rating is required.

*Colour determination class:* Colour determination class, can participate from the third month of life.

*Household pet class:* Neutered cats that do not represent any breed. May be nominated for "Best pet of the show"

*Litter class:* At least three kittens from the same litter, aged 3-6 months. May be nominated for "Best litter of the show"

*Veteran class:* Cats over eight years old with a pedigree. Veterans receive at least 95 points and the grade "Excellent". May be nominated as "Best veteran of the show"

*Provisionally recognized breeds:* The class includes temporarily recognized breeds with recognized, temporarily recognized or still unrecognized colors. They receive the grade "Excellent", no title. May be nominated as "Best temporarily recognized breed of the show"

*Provisionally recognized colors to recognized breeds:* Temporarily recognized colors on recognized breeds. Receive the grade "Excellent" but not the title, do not participate in the nomination.

*Breeds in the process of recognition.* This class presents breeds and colors that are in the process of recognition. They receive the grade "Excellent", but not the title. Do not participate in the nomination.

*Non-recognized breeds and colors.* The class presents unrecognized breeds and colors. They do not receive a title or nomination.

*Out of competition:* The class presents cats that do not participate in the competition.

## **15.8. JUDGMENT**

Judging is based on the individual breed standard and the color must meet the criteria set for the color.

The individual scoring system for each breed is set out in the standard.

- Unsuitable for breeding - judge's assessment? "good"
- Limited suitability for breeding - judge's assessment "very good"
- Suitable for breeding - judge's assessment "excellent"

Only an excellent 1 (ex1) assessment gives the right to a title

If there are several individuals of the same breed, sex and color in the evaluation of one class, the judge selects the best of them, who receives the grade ex1. The second best gets ex 2, etc. Only the ex1 grade gives the right to apply for a title later.

## **15.9. POINTS**

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| • EX 1                                | 20 points |
| • CACP/CAPP                           | 20 points |
| • CACJ/CAPJ                           | 20 points |
| • CAC/CAP                             | 20 points |
| • CACIB/CAPIB                         | 30 points |
| • CAGCIB/CAGPIB                       | 40 points |
| • CACE/CAPE                           | 50 points |
| • GCACE/GCAPE                         | 60 points |
| • CACM/CAPM                           | 70 points |
| • PH                                  | 60 points |
| • Best Variety                        | 20 points |
| • Best Veteran                        | 30 points |
| • Nomination                          | 20 points |
| • Best opp. Sex                       | 30 points |
| • Best in Show                        | 40 points |
| • BOB 1.                              | 60 points |
| • BOB 2.                              | 50 points |
| • BOB 3. (and all rest places)        | 40 points |
| • Nomination – Household pet          | 20 points |
| • Best Household pet                  | 30 points |
| • Every WCF / Master ring participant | 20 points |
| • WCF / Master ring 1.                | 25 points |
| • WCF / Master ring 2.                | 20 points |

- WCF / Master ring 3. 15 points
- WCF/ Master ring 4. 7 points
- WCF / Master ring 5. 6 points
- WCF / Master ring 6. 5 points
- Every WCF Olympia ring participant 100 points
- Olympia ring 1. 100 points + title WCF Golden Master
- Olympia ring 2. 50 points + title WCF Silver Master
- Olympia ring 3. 25 points + title WCF Bronze Master
- Olympia ring 4. 15 points + title WCF Iron Master
- Olympia ring 5.-16. 5 points
- Best Cat of WCF 1. 100 points
- Best Cat of WCF 2. 50 points
- Best Cat of WCF 3. 25 points
- Every Best Cat of WCF participants 100 points

### **Bonus points**

WCF, WCF Master, and WCF Olympic rings will give the first ten cats bonus points depending on how many cats they have won.

For example: In a WCF ring, 40 cats participate. 1st gets 39 bonus points, 2nd gets 38 bonus points. 3rd gets 37 bonus points, etc.

The show is held in a remote, isolated city or developing area The club will announce the possibility of bonus points.

- WCF anniversary shows double points
- WCF world shows double points
- WCF Olympic show points tripled

## **16. TITLE CONFIRMATION**

A correct application for title confirmation is submitted to the club after the required grades have been obtained. The application must be accompanied by diplomas proving the evaluation.

Titles must be collected in ascending order, starting with the Champion title. Jumping steps is prohibited.

Only club members can apply for titles.

The reviews collected at Fife shows can be confirmed as a WCF title, if at least one of the three reviews has been given at a WCF show. Reviews from other organizations cannot be validated as a WCF title.



Titles obtained from a foreign organization are not taken into account as WCF titles, they cannot be added to the WCF pedigree.

Grades obtained at a WCF exhibition with a foreign organization's registration number can be considered for a title if the breeder applies to the club for a WCF registration number, with which they submit an application for title confirmation. Also add the original reg. number.

A title issued with an incorrect color code will lose its validity.

## **17. UNRECOGNIZED BREEDS AND COLORS**

Unrecognized breeds and colors that do not meet the standard cannot be awarded a title.

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The symbol for an unrecognized breed is used if the cat does not have a confirmed standard, for example when creating a new breed.

A color code that does not meet the standard is marked with the symbol x

Unrecognized breeds are marked as follows:

XLH - unrecognized long-haired

XSH - unrecognized short-haired

XHL - unrecognized hairless

## **18. COLOR CHANGES**

If Fennica Cattus has assigned an incorrect color code, the correction is free of charge for the breeder.

An incorrectly assigned color code can be changed on the basis of a genetic test or a color determination document made at an exhibition. Some ability to change color based on litter colors when paternity is not in doubt.

The color determination must be confirmed by at least two judges.

The judge has the right to evaluate the cat only on the basis of the phenotype. If the phenotype does not match the genotype, the breeder is not obliged to change the color code assigned by the judge.

## **19. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

When registering a breeding, the breeder attaches a payment order to the application. No invoice will be sent.

No invoice will be sent for exhibitions, changes to the name or data of the breeding. Instructions for payment are in the club price list.

An advance invoice will be sent for the registration of a litter / cat, confirmation of a title or application for a transfer. Documents will be sent by email within four weeks after payment of the invoice.

Invoices are sent to the e-mail address through the Isolta platform. In some cases, invoices may go to spam.

## **20. DISEASE PREVENTION**

### **20.1. VIRAL DISEASES**

The breeder does not allow their cats to come into contact with unvaccinated animals. Asks guests to leave their outside shoes away from the cats and wash/disinfect their hands before handling the cats.

#### **Regular vaccination.**

Vaccination only for clinically healthy animals.

Mating certificates only with valid vaccines.

Adult breeding cats should be vaccinated at least once a year.

A veterinarian may prescribe a longer interval vaccination schedule for a sterilized cat.

Participation in exhibitions only with valid vaccines.

By the time of release, the kitten must be vaccinated at least once, preferably twice.

Different vaccination schedules can be applied to kittens. Our recommendation is 10 and 14 weeks.

### **In the event of symptoms of viral diseases**

Isolate the sick cat from others.

Postpone mating and exhibitions until the cat is completely healthy.

Follow the veterinarian's instructions carefully.

The breeder is obliged to discuss the problem with the buyers of the kittens and provide correct instructions for the treatment after release.

When a new breeding cat arrives, keep it in a separate room from other cats for at least a week. Wash and disinfect your hands when leaving the room.

Viral disease tests are strongly recommended for a new cat. FeLV/FIV test is especially necessary (preferably laboratory test).

## **20.2. GENETIC DISEASES**

The breeder is aware of the possible genetic problems of their breed and performs the necessary studies before the start of breeding work to exclude or prevent problems.

The breeder does not breed animals with genetic defects. A heterozygous individual carrying a genetic defect can only be mated with an N/N partner, preserving the defect in future generations with caution.

For diseases with an increased risk, it is strongly recommended to perform additional studies in addition to the genetic test, such as an HCM ultrasound examination.

If problems are detected in kittens that cannot be prevented by genetic tests, the parent causing the problem should be removed from breeding.

The following are prohibited from breeding:

- Deaf cats
- Congenitally blind cats
- Whiskerless cats
- Cats with/had hernias

### **20.3. PARASITIC DISEASES**

Give anthelmintic to indoor breeding cats at least once every three months.

Give anthelmintic to the female cat two weeks before mating.

Give anthelmintic to kittens at least twice before release, 10 days before each vaccine.

Depending on the situation and environment, also carry out external parasite control.

### **20.4. GENERAL HEALTH**

The breeder regularly monitors the weight gain of kittens from birth.

The breeder documents the development and health status of all cats (e.g., a notebook).

The breeder regularly visits a veterinarian and follows the prescribed instructions.

The cat's food is varied, nutritious, and of high quality from a reputable manufacturer.

The breeder is aware of cat toxicities and how to avoid them. Also guides the buyers of kittens.

## **21. SPECIFIC BREEDING**

### **21.1. Pathological mutations**

It is forbidden to mate two cats with dominant pathological mutations (eg SFL N/OCD)

### **21.2. Polydactyly**

If polydactyly occurs in any breed, the cat is registered as POL, or polydactyl. All of his descendants (including those with a normal number of toes) will remain with the POL mark.

### **21.3. White cats**

A white cat with blue eyes must pass a hearing test (BAER test) before breeding and submit it to the club.

Two white cats should not be mated. It is recommended to use a partner for the dominant white, who does not have any white at all.

#### **21.4. Flexen gold**

Flexen cats cannot be nominated for Best in Show

Titles up to CAC/CACP

#### **21.5. Dominant blue eyes**

Dominant blue eyes are only allowed in cats with the 01, 02, 03, or w markings. The white must surround the eye. Everything else is disqualified, but can be registered as x69 and RIEX pedigree until we have further genetic information. Marie Abitbol has located the gene, but not how it manifests.